

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 23, 2003

IN RE:

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
TARIFF TO INTRODUCE SWA PRICING
FLEXIBILITY – Tariff Number 2002256

DOCKET NO.
02-01073

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Pat Miller, and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 3, 2003 for consideration of the joint request of AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and Birch Telecom, Inc. (collectively, the “CLEC Coalition”) and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”) to suspend BellSouth’s Tariff to Introduce SWA Pricing Flexibility (the “Tariff”).

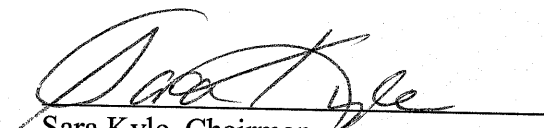
The CLEC Coalition and BellSouth asserted their joint request in a January 31, 2003 letter which indicated that the suspension would assist in their ongoing settlement negotiations. The letter also requested that the Procedural Schedule be postponed by thirty (30) days.

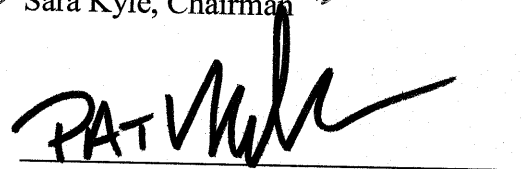
The panel considered the request to suspend the Tariff at the February 3, 2003 Authority Conference. During deliberations, BellSouth and the CLEC Coalition reiterated their request, to which the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General did not object. The Pre-Hearing Officer recommended that the Tariff be

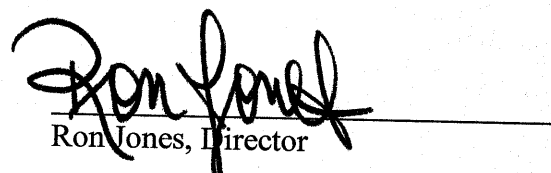
be suspended. After consideration of these comments, the panel unanimously voted to suspend the Tariff until March 18, 2003.¹

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., AT&T Communications of the South Central States, Inc. and Birch Telecom, Inc. to suspend the Tariff to Introduce SWA Pricing Flexibility is hereby granted.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


Pat Miller, Director


Ron Jones, Director

¹ BellSouth subsequently agreed that the Tariff would not be placed into effect before August 12, 2003. See *Order Granting Substitute Motion for Continuance*, p. 2 (March 25, 2003).